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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tri M. Mai

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6, 11 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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1. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Stelljes (2016688). Stelljes teaches a luggage case with a lid and a base shell with stay means 11, a pivotally supported hanger bar 31 pivotally supported hanger bar support holding a hanger bar sized to receive the hook portions at least one pivotally mounted arm 14. With respect to the hanger bar being removably attached to the case, note that portion 13 is attached by the two upper and lower nuts/bolts in Fig. 4.

Regarding claim 8, note the removable folding bag 17.

2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Stelljes in view of Wheary (1919082). To the degree it is argued that the hanger bar in Stelljes is not detachable. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a detachable arm means as taught by Wheary, note portion 20 in Fig. 9, to enable one to maintain the device easily.

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stelljes in view of Ritter, Jr. (1827542). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to stay means by releasable flexible strap as taught by Ritter, Jr., note straps 27 to enable one to have the luggage at various positions.

4. Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stelljes in view of Sisson (Re35563). Stelljes teaches a removable bar attached via the two arms 15 and 19. Stelljes does not teach the arms pivotally mounted. Sisson teaches that it is known in the art to provide pivotally mounted arms. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide pivotally mounted arms as taught by Sisson to enable to adjust the clothing inside the case easily.


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5. Claims 4-6, 11-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on (571)272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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